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Mexico Announces an Increase to the TRQ for Milk

Powder for 2002

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Report Highlights:

On October 8, 2002, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced it will allow an additional 42,571 metric tons of Milk Powder to be imported from Most Favored Nations (MFN), under the increased Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) due to strong domestic demand from processors. This quantity is in addition to Mexico's current TRQ of 80,000 MT for milk powder under the World Trade Organization (WTO) commitment for 2002.

Introduction: This report summarizes two official announcements published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on October 8, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) an increase in the TRQ for milk powder under its WTO commitment. This announcement recognizes that domestic milk powder production as well as the original tariff-rate quota under the WTO for 2002, is insufficient to meet the needs of domestic milk powder processors. Therefore, this agreement allows an increase in the TRQ until December 31, 2002 to cover domestic demand.

H.S. Number and Product	Original MFN TRQ for 2002	Additional MFN TRQ for 2002
0402.10.01 Milk in powder or tablets, containing not over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweetners		
0402.21.01 Milk in powder or tablets, containing over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweetners		
Total TRQ's	80,000 MT	42,571 MT

NOTE: For the additional amount of 42,571 MT there will be 7 percent import duty rate.

Important Dates

Publication Date: October 8, 2002
 Implementation Date: October 9, 2002
 Validity Period: Upto December 31, 2002

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